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SUBJECT: REVISION OF MBFR DATA: NATO FORCES

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1. WE APPRECIATE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING MBFR ORIENTED
DATA FROM EXISTING NATO DATA SOURCES, E.G., DEFENSE
PLANNING QUESTIONNAIRE (DPQ) RESPONSES AND FROM SUBMISSION
TO THE NATO FORCE PLANNING DATA BASE. WE AGREE THAT THESE
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SOURCES OF DATA ON NATO FORCES HAVE NOT IN THE PAST MET THE

NEEDS OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. IN GENERAL, WE ALSO SHARE YOUR RELUCTANCE TO PROLIFERATE DATA QUESTIONNAIRES. NEVERTHELESS, THE PECULIARITIES OF MBFR HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE DATA TO BE OBTAINED IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC, TIME-CRITICAL, AND OFTEN UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS. HENCE, SOME SORT OF SPECIAL SYSTEM TO QUICKLY DEVELOP AGREED DATA ON NATO FORCES FOR MBFR USE SEEMS ESSENTIAL. SPECIFICALLY, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO INSURE THAT DATA ON WARSAW PACT FORCES CAN BE MATCHED WITH COMPARABLE DATA ON NATO FORCES DEVELOPED UNDER THE SAME PARAMETERS AND IN THE SAME TIME FRAME.

2. WE PROPOSE INCLUDING A PARAGRAPH IN EACH DRAFT MCM, WHICH WOULD ASK NATO MEMBERS TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC AND CLEARLY DEFINED DATA ON THEIR FORCES COMPARABLE TO THE DATA IN THE

MCM ON WARSAW PACT FORCES WHICH THEY ARE BEING ASKED TO REVIEW AND APPROVE. THE ENTIRE MCM WOULD BE PROCESSED IN THE SAME MANNER AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCE C. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD GO FAR TO INSURE THAT COMPARABLE AND TIMELY DATA ON NATO FORCES EXISTS TO MATCH THAT DEVELOPED ON PACT FORCES.

3. WASHINGTON DOES NOT DESIRE TO SUPPLANT OR REORGANIZE THE DATA MACHINERY DEVELOPED BY THE MBFR WG TO ACCOMPLISH ITS MISSION. AS STATED IN REFERENCE D THE MCM CONCEPT WAS CREATED TO EASE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFIC NATO AGREED DATA FOR INTERNAL AHG USE IN VIENNA. AN MCM DOCUMENT WOULD THUS BE AN ADDITIONAL TOOL AVAILABLE TO THE SGDS IN MEETING ITS TASKING FROM THE MBFR WG. THE IMS ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING OF THE MCM PACKAGE IS NOT MEANT TO REPLACE THE SGDS OR ALTER ITS FUNCTIONS, BUT SIMPLY TO BE A PRACTICAL ONE STEP METHOD OF SPEEDING UP THE ACQUISITION OF REQUIRED DATA FOR VIENNA. THE MCM PROCEDURE WOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE INITIATION OF OTHER MBFR QUESTIONNAIRES FELT TO BE NECESSARY BY THE MBFR WG, OR ITS SGDS, FOR ITS SUPPORT OF NATO MBFR ANALYSIS.

4. FYI. WE ARE PLANNING TO DISCUSS WITH THE UK INCLUSION OF THE ABOVE CONCEPT IN THEIR PENDING SUBMISSION OF THE
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